

by going into another building, climbing over a mountain of oil barrels and going through a cellar to Churchstreet.

They went to the Lawyers' Club for luncheon.

Senator Penrose was interviewed by an Evening World reporter.

"Has there been a settlement of the strike?" he was asked.

"There has been no settlement," was the reply. "I am extremely sorry that I have not better news."

#### PLATT CONFERENCE IS RESUMED.

The coal strike conference between Senators Platt, Quay and Penrose and Gov. Odell, which adjourned for luncheon at 1.30 o'clock, reconvened in Senator Platt's office at 2.30.

The statesmen taking part went from the Lawyers' Club, where they lunched, to Church street, and then to Senator Platt's office by way of the rear cellar.

L. N. Hammerling, the Wilkesbarre man in whose room at the Fifth Avenue Hotel the conference was held last night, called at the Ashland House this afternoon to see President Mitchell, who was then consulting with the District Presidents. Mr. Hammerling was asked if he thought the strike was near settlement.

"I have great hopes," he replied, "great, great hopes. I have hopes that good news will be given out to-day."

Mr. Hammerling was heard asking to be shown the most direct route to No. 49 Broadway. From this it is inferred that President Mitchell, after his talk with District Presidents Duffy, Fahey and Nichols, will proceed to the Platt conference, to be joined there by Mr. Hammerling.

#### DOES NOT CARE FOR RUMORS.

District President Nichols in an interview with an Evening World reporter this afternoon said he thought reports of the end of the strike were premature.

"I am not inclined to accept reports emanating from Wall street," said Mr. Nichols. "They are generally put in circulation by speculators who have some interest to work out. I do not think it at all possible for the strike to be ended by Saturday."

"President Mitchell has no power to dicker for a compromise. The only power he has is to settle the strike upon the granting of all the demands made by the Shamokin Convention."

"President Mitchell, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Fahey and myself are simply representatives of the miners and can act only as their agents in securing for them every concession they have asked for."

In the well-grounded fear that the coal strike, if allowed to continue, will result in overwhelming Democratic victories in the approaching State elections and the loss of Congress to the Republican party, Senator Matthew S. Quay, the Republican boss of the State of Pennsylvania, and Senator Thomas C. Platt, Republican boss of the State of New York, are straining every nerve in an effort to have John Mitchell call his men off.

They are dangling before his eyes promises glittering enough to turn the head of one not so strongly backed in his position as is Mitchell.

For two hours they labored with him last night, assuring him that in the end he and his men will get all they are asking for and much more. To all overtures he returned a flat and unqualified refusal to consider a cessation of the strike.

#### FAILED TO GET MITCHELL TO RECEDE.

The conference last night was held in the room of L. N. Hammerling, an independent operator of Wilkesbarre, at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. There were present Mr. Mitchell, Senators Quay, Penrose and Platt, Gov. Odell and, part of the time, Chairman Babcock, of the Republican Congressional Committee, who is in touch with Republican candidates for Congress all over the United States.

The President of the Miners' Union was assured that if he will put his men to work, the next session of the Pennsylvania Legislature will pass laws making the payment of the wages asked for by the union mandatory.

In effect he was assured that the laws will be so amended that the operators will be compelled to accede to reasonable demands. He was urged to send his men to work on the grounds of expediency and humanity, but he remained deaf to entreaties and yelled threats.

"Why," he asked, "when I have brought about a condition I planned months ago should I give up and abandon my advantage?"

#### SENATOR QUAY WORRIED BY STRIKE.

Senator Quay when seen this morning made no secret of the fact that he is in New York for the purpose of settling the strike.

"There is no doubt," he said, "that the strike confuses the political situation, and there is no doubt that there is Republican apathy in New York and Pennsylvania. But this apathy is not due to the strike in that the strike is causing dissatisfaction with the Republican party."

"The apathy comes from the fact that the coal strike is absorbing public interest and little attention is being paid to politics by either Republicans or Democrats."

After breakfast Mr. Mitchell met Moses N. Solomon, a Chicago lawyer, who has conducted a great deal of legal business for John W. Gates, and whose services are in demand in Illinois in all labor disputes. The two men went to Mr. Mitchell's room, where they held a lengthy conference.

Another caller on Mr. Mitchell was "Mother" Jones, the aged labor agitator of the coal fields.

"I am over here in New York to see that my boys don't get into trouble," she said. She was taken in charge by District Presidents Fahey, Duffy and Nichols, who are keeping in the background until such a time as President Mitchell shall call upon them to consider whatever terms he may make.

#### LAUTERBACH'S HUNT FOR MORGAN.

Edward Lauterbach said at noon that he had been unable to see Mr. Morgan this morning, but would make one more determined effort later in the day.

"What are you going to see him about?" Mr. Lauterbach was asked.

"I'll leave you to figure it out," he replied, "What is everybody talking about?"

The mysterious man with Mr. Mitchell was John E. Risley, a lawyer, with an office in the Equitable Building. Mr. Mitchell was in conference with men unknown in the rooms of the Lawyers' Club, which connect with the office he entered. The guard outside the door while the conference was on was E. H. Harriman's private secretary, Charles C. Tegethoff.

At 11.46 o'clock a negro messenger from Mr. Harriman's office approached Tegethoff and whispered to him. Mr. Tegethoff went inside and in a few minutes returned with Mr. Mitchell and Lawyer Risley, who entered a cab, saying they were going back to the Ashland House.

#### WALL STREET TAKES A BOOST.

From the opening of the market it was apparent that Wall Street believed that the strike was near an end. The impression among the brokers was general that the conference at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last night went a long way toward the calling off of the strike. It was rumored that President Baer had resigned, and the rumor was credited, although positive denial of it was made at Mr. Baer's offices.

Coal road stocks were dealt in heavily and showed advances all along the line. Morgan interests were heavy buyers, which gave rise to the impression that Mr. Morgan is convinced that the end of the strike is in sight. Advice from London are that coal road stocks opened "up" and that John W. Gates in an interview said positively that the strike will be settled before Saturday.

#### FIRST MAN KILLED BY THE SOLDIERS.

TAMAQUA, Pa., Oct. 9.—James Burnham, a striker, was shot and instantly killed by a soldier on guard duty at 6 o'clock, near here, to-day.

The place is the scene of several untold outrages and Burnham is believed to have been lolling in the vicinity of a non-unionist's house which was partly destroyed by an explosion last week.

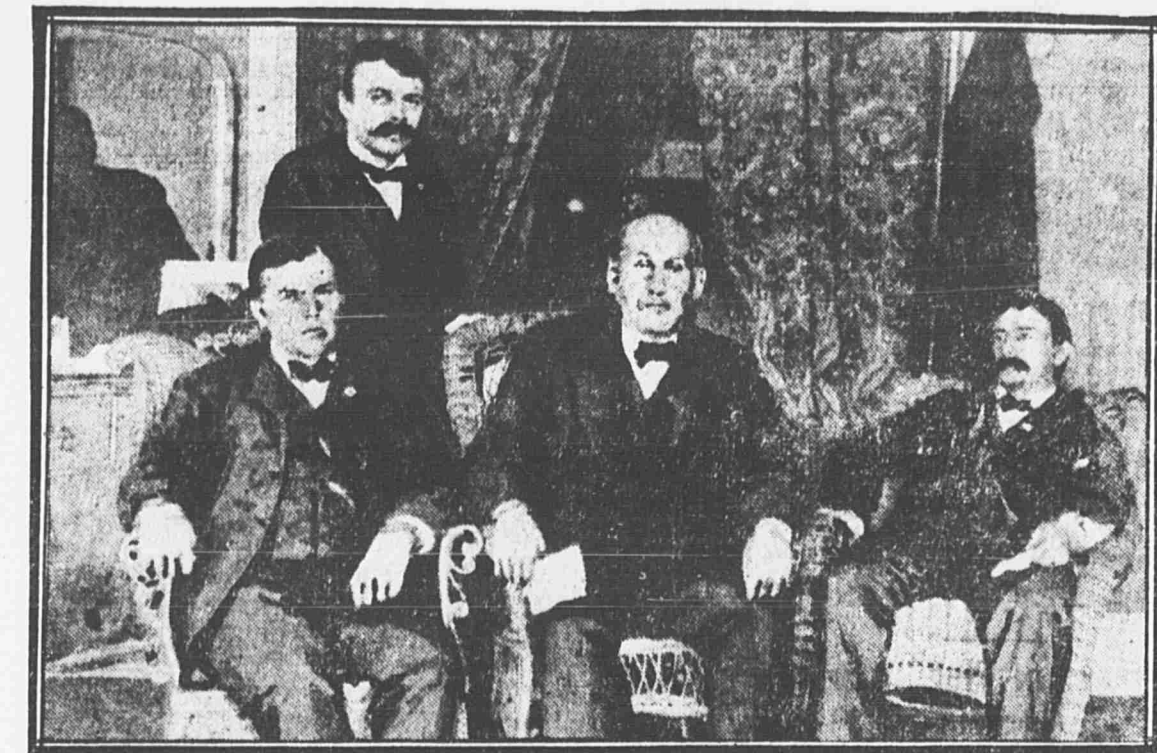
The soldier called upon Burnham to halt and this order is said to have been disregarded and thereupon the sentry fired and Burnham fell dead with a bullet through his heart.

The conference is being held in the Masonic Temple, the Mayor of Detroit presiding.

Each of whom bears credentials from the Governor of the State, the Mayor of the city or a recognized commercial body of the place from which he comes.

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## FOUR DISTRICT LEADERS WHO ARE MITCHELL'S PRINCIPAL ADVISERS.



THOMAS DUFFY—JOHN FAHY—JAMES FALLON—H. NICHOLS.

## FIVE CRAFTY COAL PIRATES CAPTURED

They Were Looting a Big Barge Loaded With Fuel from Wales With the Aid of a Tug.

Five desperate villains tried to crack a coal barge in Hoboken early this morning, but they were discovered and captured after a hard fight by the police. The owners of the coal say they have already lost from 75 to 100 tons at the hands of the same men.

The coal was on the Abby Dunn, Capt. Frank Conway. She lay at the foot of Fifth street, having arrived here from Wales on Tuesday, with 400 tons of 32 cent, consigned to the Hall-Jake-Bell Company. From the way the coal was coming out the owners thought there was something wrong, and last night William J. Jagers and Patrolmen Murray and Ryan hid on the dock to see what might happen.

At 2 o'clock in the morning the tugboat William J. Fuller, Capt. Bradley, came alongside. In a few minutes the two captains and three other men began dumping coal into the bunkers of the tug. The hidden party jumped out and there was a hard to hand fight. Jagers fired three shots and more police came. The thieves were arrested.

The other three were James Leroy, William Dwyer and Arthur Filmore. They were held for trial at Recorder Station this morning in \$500 bail each.

## DISTRICT PRESIDENT DUFFY AND MOTHER JONES.



## FRENCH TROOPS WATCH MINES.

Thousands of Regulars Mobilized to Preserve Order at Pas de Calais Collieries.

#### 60,000 STRIKERS OUT.

PARIS, Oct. 9.—Forty regiments of infantry, fifteen squadrons of cavalry and gendarmes have been mobilized to preserve order in Pas de Calais.

The strike is complete at Taru Basin. All the miners have gone out.

This movement of the strikers is in response to the order of the French National Federation of Miners, which has ordered a general strike in all the mining centers. At present the strikers in the three northeastern departments number 60,000. If the order of the Federation is obeyed there will be 170,000 men on strike.

The Miners' Central Committee has written to Premier Combes declaring that the strike is due to the refusal of the companies to grant their employees just requests, and asking the Government to intervene with the companies and also to place the men's demands before the Chamber of Deputies immediately after its reassembly.

#### AMMUNITION SEIZED IN MINE REGIONS.

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 9.—One thousand rounds of ammunition was seized and confiscated at the Delaware and Hudson freight station in Olyphant to-day by order of Col. Watres, of the Thirteenth Regiment.

This makes 2,500 rounds of ammunition that has been confiscated in the anthracite district commanded by Col. Watres within the last two weeks.

The ammunition was consigned to the Italian Passano, a leader among the strikers in upper Lackawanna County. Passano was informed that he was about to receive for and remove the ammunition from the freight station.

Col. Watres has been informed that bodies of men have been drilling in the woods almost daily. Yesterday he had detachments of men out scouring the woods for evidence of such action, and the knowledge that the consignment of ammunition had been shipped to Passano was obtained by one of these detachments.

#### GEN. JOURDAN GETS COAL AT EASY PRICE.

Gen. James Jourdan, President of the Brooklyn Gas Company, announced this afternoon that his company had to-day received quotations for coal in its desired amount for from \$5 to \$15 a ton.

Heretofore the company has been paying from \$15 to \$22 a ton.

"It looks to me," said the General, "that the strike is breaking up. Some of the men are giving way. I have no knowledge of the situation except what is indicated by the break in prices, but this drop is certainly significant."

Gen. Jourdan refused to tell the name of the coal company giving the reduced quotations.

## RICHLY-DRESSED BABY ABANDONED.

Rescued by Policeman from Cramped Quarters, Station House Officers Marvel at Its Appearance.

In the East Sixty-seventh street station, in care of the matron, is an infant six weeks old, discovered under the stairs in the main hall of the house at No. 149 Second avenue. The baby is attracting great attention in the station house because of the extraordinary richness of the clothing which she wears.

The matron gives it as her opinion that only parents of the wealthier class could afford to provide such garments. They are covered with costly lace and the new cap which the child had on when discovered is elaborately trimmed with delicate lace.

The child is apparently healthy. It was first found by a little son of Max Zehler, who lives in the Second avenue house. He gave the alarm to Patrolman Klein, who took the child to the station-house.

#### MORE MEN QUIT IN THE MINES.

(Special to The Evening World.)

TAMAQUA, Pa., Oct. 9.—There are less men at work at the collieries in the Panther Creek Valley this morning yesterday morning owing to fifty-five men quitting work at the No. 4 colliery yesterday.

At Tuscarora, two miles west of here, a bridge was dynamited on the railroad leading to Slattery Bros' collieries and almost totally destroyed. As this colliery is not working it is not understood why strikers should attempt to destroy it.

#### DYNAMITE BLOWS UP CATTLE TRAIN.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 9.—While troop trains were passing over the Lehigh Valley road bearing soldiers of the Third Brigade to points in the upper coal field last night, dynamite was placed on the tracks near Jenkins Switch, four miles from this city, and wrecked a freight train.

Whether the dynamiters expected to blow up a train carrying soldiers or one bearing coal is only surmised, but the work was thoroughly and skillfully done.

The train was wrecked and seven cattle cars demolished, a number of the animals being killed.

The explosion was terrific and the shock was heard for many miles. A high Valley road bearing soldiers of the Third Brigade to points in the upper coal field last night, dynamite was placed on the tracks near Jenkins Switch, four miles from this city, and wrecked a freight train.

The crew of the train escaped injury. Some of them believe that a second explosion followed the first after a second's delay and that there were two charges of dynamite.

Gen. Stiekles Retires from Contest.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—Gen. Stiekles of New York, has withdrawn from the contest for Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., and has thrown his support to Gen. Slack.

## OFFICIAL BLUNDER CAUSED HIS ARREST

One of District-Attorney Jerome's Assistants Forced a Man Out on Parole to Spend Night in Cell.

A case before Magistrate Barlow in the Centre Street Court to-day brought to light a very queer condition of affairs in the District-Attorney's office.

Through neglect of one of Mr. Jerome's assistants a man who was paroled yesterday by Magistrate Mayo was rearrested on the same charge and compelled to spend the night in a cell.

It is probable that the Board of City Magistrates will take official action upon the case. Mr. Jerome explains the work of his assistant.

Max Greenberg, a peddler, of No. 1 Attorney street, was the victim of the blunder. He was arrested yesterday by Policeman Baker, of the Delancey street station, for assaulting Basile Lease, of the same address. Greenberg was arraigned before Magistrate Mayo in the Essex Market Court. As the woman was not badly hurt and the assault grew out of a tenant's quarrel, Magistrate Mayo paroled Greenberg until Friday in the custody of his counsel.

As Greenberg was going into his home last night he was met by Policeman Farrington, of the Centre Street Court squad, who told him he was under arrest.

"What for?" asked Greenberg.

"For assaulting Bessie Lease," was the reply. "District-Attorney Jerome had you rearrested."

Greenberg dropped to the sidewalk in sheer fright.

Farrington locked Greenberg in the Delancey street station, where he remained until to-day. Then he was taken to the Centre Street Court and arraigned before Magistrate Barlow.

When the Magistrate heard the facts he sent for Assistant District-Attorney Kresel. Mr. Kresel made many apologies. He and Magistrate Barlow went into the latter's private examination room and when they came out Greenberg was discharged.

"Greenberg's rearrest grew out of a misapprehension," Mr. Kresel said, "and I am sorry he was put to any inconvenience."

#### MEXICO'S STRIKE TROUBLES

President Diaz Promptly Seizes and Operates Railroad.

LAREDO, Tex., Oct. 9.—Capt. Thomas W. Dodd, director of the Mexican National Railroad, is authority for the statement that the Mexican Government has taken entire charge of the road from Laredo to Mexico City on account of the strike on the line.

It is stated that President Diaz has ordered the army to preserve order and facilitate the movements of trains.

## MITCHELL'S REPLY TO ROOSEVELT.

Leader of the Mine Workers Refuses to Go Further Than He Has Done in His Offer to Arbitrate Made at the Washington Conference.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—President Mitchell, of the Coal Miners' Union, has refused to comply with the appeal of President Roosevelt to call the strike off.

His letter to the President, which was made public at the White House to-day, is as follows:

Office National President United Mine Workers of America.

John Mitchell, National President, Second Vice-President American Federation of Labor.

Hotel Hart, Wilkesbarre, Pa., Oct. 8, 1902.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.:

Dear Sir: Hon. Carroll D. Wright has, no doubt, reported to you the delivery of your message to me last Monday and my statement to him that I should take your suggestion under advisement, although I did not look upon it with favor.

Since that time I have consulted with our district presidents, who concur fully in my views.

We desire to assure you again that we feel keenly the responsibility of our position and the gravity of the situation, and it would give us great pleasure to take any action which would bring this coal strike to an end in a manner that would safeguard the interests of our constituents.

In proposing that there be an immediate resumption of coal mining upon the conditions we suggested in the conference at the White House we believed that we had gone more than half way and had met your wishes.

It is unnecessary in this letter to refer to the malicious assault made upon us in the response of the coal operators. We feel confident that you must have been impressed with the fairness of our proposition and the insincerity of those who maligned us.

Having in mind our experience with the coal operators in the past we have no reason to feel any degree of confidence in their willingness to do justice to us in the future, and inasmuch as they have refused to accept the decision of a tribunal selected by you, and inasmuch as there is no law through which you could enforce the findings of the commission you suggest, we respectfully decline to advise our people to return to work simply upon the hope that the coal operators might be induced or forced to comply with the recommendations of your commission.

As stated above, we believe that we went more than half way in our proposal at Washington, and we do not feel that we should be asked to make any further sacrifice.

We appreciate your solicitude for the people of our country who are now and will be subjected to great suffering and inconvenience by a prolongation of the coal strike, and we feel that the onus of this terrible state of affairs should be placed upon the side which has refused to defer to fair and impartial investigation.

I am respectfully,

(Signed) JOHN MITCHELL, President, U. M. W. of A.

## POOR FIGHT FOR WOOD AT A FIRE

Ruined Scantling Torn Away and Thrown Into Street by Firemen Almost Causes Riot of Coal-Starved People.

During a fire which rendered useless 5,000 bales of hops in Howard & Childs' Brewery, at Nos. 518 to 522 West Thirty-third street, to-day hundreds of poor residents of the tenement sections fought with the police for the possession of the burning timbers and scantlings as they were thrown to the street by the firemen.

The fire started in the blue lading from the drying room. When it was first discovered a dozen men were at work on the floor above where the blaze was, and they feared to go down the stairs to the streets, the stairs being threatened with the flames. As soon as the fire apparatus arrived ladders were hoisted and the imperiled men were led to the street by the firemen.

In getting to the burning due it was necessary to tear away considerable work wood, some of which was already burning. As this was torn out it was hurled to the street. It had no more than struck the pavement when some man or woman or child darted through the police lines, snatched it up and darted back with it.

In many instances the police fought with the poor who were getting a substitute for coal and frequently the same scantling was seized by several different persons. The owners of the brewery would not place a valuation on the ruined hops but said the building had been damaged to the extent of \$2,000.

## SCALDED IN VAT OF BOILING BEANS.

Canning Factory Worker Fell Headlong Into Hot Mixture and Was Dead When Taken Out.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BRIDGETON, N. J., Oct. 9.—Joseph Bloxson was scalded to death to-day by falling into a vat while at work in the Greenwich Canning Factory. The vat was filled with scalding lima beans which were being prepared for canning.

He was walking along the edge of the vat, when his foot slipped and he fell headlong into the hot liquid. When taken out he was dead.

## POISON HIS CURE FOR LIFE'S ILLS.

Man Past Three Score and Ten, His Money Lost in Wall Street, Ends His Days by Suicide.

Charles W. Lewis, already past the three-score and tenth year of his life, found existence unbearable even for the few years that remained. He had met with a series of reverses in business, and the little wheel of fortune down in Wall street had gone against him. Life was a poor venture and eking out a precarious living not worth the trying.

So he took morphine in his apartments at No. 27 West Forty-fifth street this morning and passed away to what he hoped would be a better world.

Lewis was a widower, seventy-one years of age, and, having abandoned his business interests, sought to make a new fortune in speculation. Yesterday he lost the little he had left in the world. The first intimation that anything was wrong came about 1 o'clock this afternoon, when a tradesman elicited no response on ringing the bell connecting with the apartment. The janitor was notified and he went to the East Fifty-first street station house and told the sergeant about the matter.

When the police burst into the room they found Lewis lying on the floor in an apparently comatose condition. Restoratives were used, but it was quickly discovered that the man had been dead since noon. It is thought that he has no relatives in this city.

#### GRUBER RAPS JEROME.

Asks Gov. Odell for Special Grand Jury in McCoy Case.

Agraham Gruber, the counsel for James McCoy, of No. 235 Lexington avenue, who on June 2 last was shot in the head by County Detective McLeelan, said to-day that he had moved for the calling of an extraordinary Grand Jury by Gov. Odell. Mr. Gruber said McCoy was about the city now and was in fairly good physical condition, but the bullet was still in his brain.

The shooting occurred while representatives of the District-Attorney's office were making a raid on the Sherman House, at No. 152 East Forty-second street. Since then counsel for McCoy say they have attempted to have McLeelan indicted, but the District-Attorney has always frustrated these efforts.

Mr. Gruber said:

"What Mr. Jerome should have done long ago was to make an official statement saying that McLeelan was justified in shooting and that he did not think him criminally liable for the act. He has not done this and I intend pushing the case as quickly as possible."

"I have asked Gov. Odell to call an extraordinary Grand Jury so that McLeelan can be indicted. I hope to have a favorable response from him while he is in the city."

## CHEAP COAL FOR THE CITY'S POOR

Reading and Lehigh Companies to Supply Anthracite at Fifteen Cents a Pail.

#### DEPOT OPEN TO-MORROW

Companies Agree to Bring an Unlimited Quantity at Cost Price Until the Strike Is Ended.

The poor of New York are to have coal at cost price as long as the strike lasts.

This has been guaranteed by the Lehigh Valley and the Reading railroads. The distribution on the lower east side begins to-morrow, and depots in other parts of the city are to be opened as rapidly as possible.

Coal is to be sold only by the pail. The price has been fixed at 15 cents a pail, and the pails will run sixty-five to the ton. The coal will be of the best quality, freshly mined and of the needed sizes, stove and chestnut. There will be an unlimited supply, for the two companies furnishing it will divert if necessary every pound now coming out of their mines for this purpose.

At this rate the coal will be sold at about \$10 a ton. The retail price for coal in one ton lots is now ranging at \$20, and by the pail it is much more. No half-ton lots will be sold. If, after the scheme is in operation, it is found that the distribution can be made at a smaller cost the price will be reduced. Neither the coal companies nor the retailers are to make a cent out of the business.

The man who is to start the work is Harry G. Barber, head of the firm of Alfred Barber & Sons, No. 37 Water street. Beginning to-morrow morning any poor man who has a pail and who is "right under the Brooklyn Bridge" will receive a pail of coal for fifteen cents. A party that don't know how to get a pail is not to be considered. He is to have only those who are deserving get the coal, but any one who comes will get a pailful unless there is evidence at hand that he is a fraud.

Mr. Barber said this afternoon that he thought he would be able to dispose of 150 tons a day. In ordinary business his dock has a capacity of 1,200 tons a day, but he has the pail the day the idea is much slower. He has asked the Oak street police to furnish a squad of men, for he expects there will be a rush to the depot.

"I have been in consultation with the operators for several days," said Barber, "and now all my plans are complete. The coal will be there in the morning and will be ready for all that is much slower. He has asked the Oak street police to furnish a squad of men, for he expects there will be a rush to the depot."

## THINKS HER SON WAS KIDNAPPED.

Letter Offering to Disclose the Whereabouts of Victor Loughlin for \$100 Given by Mother to Police.

Victor Loughlin, a sixteen-year-old boy, ran away from his home, No. 717 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, on Aug. 19. He had done it a good many times before, because he was just bad.

To-day his father got the following letter, mailed yesterday at Station U, New York:

"Mr. Loughlin: Your son is O. K. He is not 100 miles from New York. It is worth \$100 to know where he is? If you decide to pay that price, send a letter containing a guarantee signed by the District Attorney that no harm comes to me and also a promise that I get the \$100 reward. Address A. B. C. Dees, General Delivery. A party that don't know nothing about your boy will call for it. If he is arrested, your son DIES."

A. B. C. Dees.

"P. S.—You will be placed in a position to get the boy before you pay the reward, but if there are any monkeyshines you'll be sorry to hear of them."

Mr. Loughlin took the letter to Police Headquarters. She was greatly alarmed. The police think it is one of Victor's jokes, but she promised her to look it up. The boy's father, Peter, is a retired merchant.

#### SWISS IN GENERAL STRIKE.

Workmen Throughout Country Quit Work Throughout Country.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Oct. 9.—The Workmen's National Committee has decreed a general strike throughout Switzerland in sympathy with the strike of the street-car employees here. Troops are held in readiness to deal with any disorder.